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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, TO

SUBJ: CONTINENTAL OIL CO. LOOKING FOR CONCESSION IN TOGO

1. WAYNE SPARKS, VICE PRESIDENT OF CONTINENTAL OVERSEAS OIL COMPANY (CONOCO), SUBSIDIARY OF CONTINENTAL OIL, CALLED ON EMBASSY APRIL 16 FOR ASSISTANCE IN FACT-FINDING MISSION AIMING AT ACQUISITION OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSION IN TOGO. EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED HIM, AS INTERPRETER, ON VISIT TO OTTO GARTNER, DIRECTOR OF GOT'S BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY.

2. GARTNER SAID, ASHLAND OIL HAVING WITHDRAWN FROM FIELD LATE 1973, SHELL TOGOREX WAS LAST REMAINING CONCESSIONAIRE AND IT HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION RELINQUISH ALL EXPLORATION RIGHTS. GARTNER SAID GOT DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN NEW CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH LARGE COMPANY SUCH AS CONOCO AND COULD NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT "IN ONE WEEK."

3. MORE DETAILS IN AIRGRAM-MEMCON TO FOLLOW.

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